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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gallagher (US 2003/0101112 A1).

As per claims 1, 5, 11, 16 and 18, Gallagher discloses a method in a computing environment for determining the taxes associated with an Internet transaction (see fig. 3), the method comprising; determining one or more geographical regions associated with one of a product ship-to address and a seller's address (page 3, [0046]); determining the taxes associated with each said geographical region (page 9, [0173]); and computing the taxes associated with the Internet transaction based upon the taxes associated with said geographical regions (page 2, [0015]).

As per claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 20, Sullivan discloses a method further comprising consulting an address/geographical region cross-reference table to determine the appropriate geographical region for an address; consulting a geographical region/tax district cross-reference table to determine the appropriate tax district associated with said geographical region (see abs.

As per claims 4, 9, 15 and 21, Sullivan discloses a method further comprising: comparing the tax districts associated with said product ship-to address with the tax districts associated with said seller's address; determining which tax districts said product ship-to address and said seller's address have in common; and determining the tax on the transaction based upon the tax districts in Common (page 3, [0046]).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Sullivan (US 2003/0093320 A1) discloses a method, system and computer program for facilitating a tax transaction.
- Stokes et al (US 2003/0144931 A1) disclose a tax calculator for calculating transaction-based taxes, such as use tax sale and sales tax.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (571) 272-6784. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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